Recruitment Advertisements in Urdu Newspapers

†1154. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether advertisements for the recruitment in railway are not published in Urdu newspapers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) by when the order for publishing recruitment advertisements in Urdu newspapers will be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Such advertisements are published in Urdu newspapers also.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Instructions already exist to this effect.

Passenger booking in air conditioned Compartments

1155. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the total reservations in 1-AC, 2-AC and 3-AC from 1st January, 2003 till 30th June, 2004 in various trains originating from Delhi/New Delhi/Hazrat Nizammudin to various destinations in the country; sector-wise;

(b) whether, according to Passenger Booking data, the passenger load in air-conditioned compartments from Delhi/New Delhi/Hazrat Nizammudin to various destination has declined during January, 2003 to June, 2004 due to cheaper fares introduced by airlines; and

(c) if so, the complete details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(SHRI R. VELU): (a) The details of passenger booked from 1st January, 2003 till 30th June, 2004 in various trains originating from Delhi/New Delhi/ Hazrat Nizammudin in 1AC, 2AC & 3AC to various destinations in the country are as under:

Period	Number of passengers booked in		
	1-AC	2-AC	3-AC
January 2003 to June 2004	1,28,536	6,52,516	19,41,535

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Samjhauta Express

1156. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to improve the condition in 'Samjhauta Express[1] to Lahore;

(b) whether there is a proposal to have discussions with Railways authorities of Pakistan to send a direct train to Karachi;

(c) whether there is any proposal to open a Rail line to Pakistan *via* Rajasthan; and

(d) the reasons why there is no 1st and 2nd AC provided in the 'Samjhauta Express'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Cleanliness and maintenance of the train is a continuous process with the objective of improving the conditions of Samjhauta Express.

(b) No, Sir.